

SAUGUS IRON WORKS (NPS)**Central Street, Saugus**

The ironworks at Saugus, consisting of blast furnace, forge, and mill, operated intermittently from ca. 1648 to ca. 1670. Although ultimately not a financial success, it was one of the first such enterprises in the country, and workers and technicians trained at Saugus went on to establish other foundries. In the 20th century the site was excavated, the 17th-century ironmaster's house was restored, and other structures were reconstructed. Now the Saugus National Historic Site, the ironworks provides valuable insight into this early industrial venture.